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SUBJECT: SOVIET MDW INITIATIVE: FRG RESPONSE

REFS: A. BONN 09752; B. NATO 3481; C. STATE 149968

1. FRG FONOFF DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL HAUBER INFORMED AN
EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 28 THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY
POLITICAL COUNSELOR PLANNED TO MEET WITH HIM ON JULY 1
TO URGE THE FRG TO SEND A EXPERT TO THE CCD DISCUSSION
OF MDW. THIS NEW SOVIET APPROACH FOLLOWS AMBASSADOR
FALIN'S JUNE 8 DEMARCHE WITH STATE SECRETARY HERMES
(REF A).

2. HAUBER SAID THE FRG WAS STILL NOT INCLINED TO SEND
AN EXPERT TO THE CCD DICUSSION. HE CONTINUED THAT THE
FRG NEEDED MORE PRECISE INFORMATION FROM THE SOVIETS
ABOUT WHAT THEIR MDE PROPOSAL ENCOMPASSED IN ORDER TO
DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF AN EXPERT TO SEND. ACCORDING TO
THE SOVIET EMBASSY POLCOUNS, MDE INCLUDES ATOMIC AND
CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HAUBER SAID HE HAD INFORMED HIM
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THAT THE FRG HAD NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE IN THESE FIELDS

SINCE IT HAD LONG SINCE RENOUNCED SUCH WEAPONS.

3. HAUBER CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY MAKING AN INFORMAL PLEA FOR BETTER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET CCD INITIATIVES. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. HAD MADE ONLY A VERY SHORT STATEMENT AT NATO WHEN ANNOUNCING ITS WILLINGNESS TO SEND EXPERTS TO THE CCD (REF B) AND HE WAS PUZZLED AS TO WHAT LAY BEHIND THE U.S. DECISION. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE ALLIES' INTEREST TO CONSULT BEFOREHAND IN NATO ON QUESTIONS OF THIS NATURE. (COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT THE FRG EMBASSY MAY HAVE REPORTED TO BONN (REF C) REGARDING THE RATIONALE FOR THE U.S. DECISION). HILLENBRAND UNQTE KISSINGER

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